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SUMMARY: BROADCASTS COVERING RECENT PROVINCIAL RALLIES
COMMEMORATING THE REVELATION OF HUA KUO-FENG AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAVE WIDEN THE CHARGES AGAINST THE
"GANG OF FOUR" BUT HAVE REVEALED FEW MAJOR MILITARY AND
PARTY APPOINTMENT. END SUMMARY

1. IN THE WAKE OF PEKING'S RALLIES AND MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS,
ALL OF CHINA'S PROVINCES HAVE CELEBRATED THE APPOINTMENT OF
HUA KUO-FENG AS PARTY CHAIRMAN AND THE "VICTORY OVER THE GANG
OF FOUR" WITH THE LARGEST RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS SEEN SINCE
THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. FOR THE MOST PART THE PROVINCIAL
RALLIES HAVE MIRRORED PEKING MEDIA ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE
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FALLED POLITBURO MEMBERS; HOWEVER, ON OCTOBER 24 KWANGHSI'S

CCP FIRST SECRETARY AN PING-SHEN EXPANDED THE ATTACKS TO INCLUDE SABTOAGE OF THE 1973/74 ANTI-LIN PAIO/CONFUCISU CAMPAIGN (REF A) AND THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE TENG HSIAO-PING. MOREOVER, A RECENT TACHUNG DAILY (SHANTUNG) EDITORIAL REVELAED THE MOST SPECIFIC INTERNAL CHARGES SEEN TO DATE. ACCORDING TO AN OCTOBER 26 BROADCAST, THE EDITORIAL ACCUSED THE "ANTI-PARTY GANG OF FOUR" OF PURSUING AN "ULTRA-RIGHTIST LINE" BY; --SECRETLY SENDING WANG HUNG-WEN TO SEE CHAIRMAN MAO AND LODGE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE LATE PERMIER CHOU EN-LAI; --VAINLY ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE THEIR OWN "CABINET AT THE TIME OF THE SECOND PLENUM OF THE TENTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE FOURTH NATIONAL PROPLE'S CONGRESS (JANUARY 1975); --"FRANTICALLY" OPPOSING THE APPOINTMENT OF HUA KUO-FENG AS ACTING PREMIER (FEB 1976) AND "CAINLY ATTEMPTING" TO TAKE HIS PLACE AFTER HUA WAS APPOINTED FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE (APRIL 1976); --TRYING TO OVERTHROW A LARGE NUMBER OF LEADING CADRES IN THE PARTY, ARMY AND GOVERNMENT AT THE CENTER AS WELL AS IN THE PROVINCES; --ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN SYSTEM WITHIN THE PARTY; --FORGING MAO'S SO-CALLED LAST ADJURATION TO "ACT ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN" AND PUBLISHING IT IN THE SPET. 16 JOINT EDITORIAL; --PUBLISHING AN ARTICLE ON OCTOBER 4 WHICH WAS DESINGEN TO REFUTE HUA'S EXPOSURE OF THE FORGERY AND ALLOW THEM TO USUPR POWER (PRESUMBABLY LIANG HSIAO'S OCTOBER 4 KWANGMING DAILY ARTICLE).

WE SUSPECT THAT SUCH LANGUAGE WILL APPEAR ELSEWHERE AS OFFICIAL GUIDANCE ON THE CRIMES OF THE FOUR IS CLARIFIED. IN FACT, ON OCTOBER 25 A KWANGSI PROVINCIAL BROADCAST REVELAED THAT CENTRAL DOCUMENTS 15 AND 16 HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED BUT DID NOT REVEAL THE EXACT CONTENTS.

2. MOST PROVINCIAL CCP FIRST SECRETARIES AND MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS ATTENDED TH RALLIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE "GANG OF FOUR". ANHWEI'S SUNG PEI-CHIANG INNER MONGOLIA'S YU TAI-CHUNG, SHAGHAI CCP SECRETARY MA TIEN-SHUI (REF A) AND SHENYANG MR COMMANDER LI TEH-SHENG, ALL APPREAED AT RALLIES INDICATING THAT THEIR LEFTIST ASSOCIATION HAS NOT RESULTED IN THEIR IMMEDIATE OUSTER. IN ADDITION, CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER WHO HAD BEEN UNDER HEAVY POSTER ATTACK EARLIER IN THE YEAR MADE APPEARANCES. HAN HSIEN-CHU, ATTENDING AN OCTOBER 22 RALLY IN LANCHOU, WAS IDENTIFIED AS COMMANDER OF THE LANCHOU MR FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LAST APRIL. WHILE OTHER CONTROVERSIAL PROVINCIAL FIRST SECRETARIES, INCLUDING YUNNAN'S CHIA CHI-YUN AND FUKIEN'S LIAO CHIH-KAO, APPEARED IN THEIR HOME PROVINCES CHEKIANG'S EM-BATTLED TAN CHI-LUNG, KIANGSU'S PENG CHUNG (RUMORED TO BE IN SHANG-AHI, (REF B,C,&D) AND NANKING MR COMMANDER TING SHENG HAVE

FAILED TO APPEAR SO FAR.

3. ATTENDANCE AT THE RALLIES BY PROVINCIAL AND MILITARY FIGURES HAS REVEALED VERY FEW PERSONNEL SHIFTS, HOWEVER, WE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MAJOR CHANGES:

--KIANGSI CCP FIRST SECRETARY CHING WEI-CHING WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A POLITICAL COMMIS-

SAR OF THE FOCHOW MR (OCTOBER 23 PRIVINCIAL BROADCAST);

--CHANG TING-FA WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE PLA AIR FORCE BY NCNA ENGLISH ON OCTOBER 22:

--TSENG SZU-YU, COMMANDER OF THE TSINAN MR, IS ALSO A FIRST SECRETARY OF THE MILITARY REGION CCP COMMITTEE;

--TAN CHIH-KENG WAS CONFIRMED AS HOLDING THE POSITION OF COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH SEA FLEET (KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL SERVICE OCTOBER 21);

--SUNG CHING-KENG SECRETARY OF THE TSINGHAI CCP COMMITTEE IS ALSO VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE (OCTOBER 22 PROVINCIAL BROADCAST);

--PAN CHI-CHI WAS LISTED AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF ANHWEI'S CCP STANDING COMMITTEE (OCTOBER 21 PROVINCIAL BROADCAST);

--HUNG CHIH-KANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAUUYUAN MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE, WAS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS SECRETARY OF THE MUNICIPAL CCP COMMITTEE.

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